VIDEO AVAILABLE: Nemours Children's Health Continues Tradition of Virtual Santa Visits From the "North Pole"

For twelve years Santa has been visiting hospitalized patients at Nemours' two pediatric hospitals.

Editor's Note: Video interviews, B-roll available for download

WILMINGTON, Del. (December 14, 2020) – Nemours Children's Health System continued its tradition of allowing hospitalized children to have a face-to-face conversation with Santa, who spoke to them from the "North Pole." The children were able to share their Christmas wishes and interact with Santa right from their hospital room.

"Being hospitalized at this time of year can leave kids feeling left out of the holiday season," said Melissa Nicely, Child Life Manager, Nemours duPont Hospital for Children. "So this is a great way, and what we have been doing for twelve years, to have Santa virtually, on a tablet, go into the room and spend time with each patient."

Children being treated at Nemours' two freestanding hospitals in Wilmington, Delaware and Orlando, Florida experienced virtual visits with Santa and received a special gift from Santa too, a small stuffed elf.

We have video footage of the visits for your use. Footage includes broll footage of Santa with patients (both POVs, from patient room and from "North Pole"), a sound bite from Melissa Nicely, Child Life Manager, and a sound bite from a mom whose son was visited by Santa.

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About Nemours Children's Health System

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the two free-standing hospitals: the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in five states, delivering pediatric primary, specialty and urgent care. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org, and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours CareConnect. Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org is a program dedicated to preventing reading failure in young children, grounded in Nemours' understanding that child health and learning are inextricably linked, and that reading level is a strong predictor of adult health.

Established as The Nemours Foundation through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, Nemours provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy and prevention programs to families in the communities it serves.

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